

NDTC GRADUATE SURVEY RESULTS

October 2009

A graduate follow-up survey was conducted to obtain feedback for the purpose of learning about students' experiences with the program, how their lives have progressed since graduating, and to obtain ideas to improve the program.

Questions were presented to graduates regarding their employment, continuing education, housing/living arrangements, personal relationships, use or nonuse of substances, legal issues, faith-based activities and the overall impact the program has made on their lives.

The following results reflect the responses from 61 of NDTC's 92 graduates.

EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATION

- 55 out of 61 graduates interviewed reported they are maintaining stable employment and are working either full-time or part-time with 6 graduates reporting that they are between jobs or attending college as a full-time student.
- 100% of the 61 interviewed graduates said their job situation is BETTER than when they entered Teen Challenge.
- 9 graduates reported they continue to elevate their education through vocational school or college with 3 of them enrolling in a Christian Bible College.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

- 36 of the 61 graduates interviewed reported that they maintain their own home or apartment. The remaining 25 students indicated they are either living with relatives, friends or in a dormitory. None of the 61 graduates reported ever being homeless since leaving the Teen Challenge program.
- Feedback indicates that the majority of graduates interviewed have moved, on average, 1 to 3 times during the twelve-month period following their graduation from Teen Challenge.

RELATIONSHIPS

- The majority of graduates interviewed reported that their relationships between family and friends have improved since first entering Teen Challenge.

RELAPSE & SUBSTANCE USE

- 43 of the 61 graduates interviewed reported no relapses of alcohol or drug abuse, which equates to 70% of graduates maintaining total sobriety.
- 16 of the 61 students contacted indicated using only alcohol, while 2 others reported drug and alcohol use. Of the 18 students reporting substance relapse, 6 students related continued alcohol use in the form of social drinking.
- 1 of the 61 graduates interviewed reported the entry into an inpatient secular substance abuse program after graduating Teen Challenge.
- When asked about what substance was the biggest problem for Graduate prior to entering Teen Challenge responses were as follows:

- Alcohol was number one amongst 26 graduates.
- 18 graduates reported Methamphetamine as their biggest problem
- 5 graduates indicated Marijuana was their main problem.
- And 12 graduates interviewed reported it was a combination of alcohol and drugs combined.

LEGAL ISSUES

- 2 out of the 61 graduates contacted reported that they had been incarcerated since graduating Teen Challenge (1 for DUI and 1 for Detox).
- Note: 9 out of the total 92 graduates are known to have returned to jail or prison, which equates to 10% of all graduates.

PROGRAM IMPACT

- 100% of the 61 graduates interviewed reported that it was Mostly True or Completely True Teen Challenge:
 - Taught them how to have a chemical-free lifestyle.
 - How to positively handle life situations.
 - Helped improve their work habits.
 - Showed them how to have healthy supportive relationships.
 - Develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - Their circumstances today would be a lot worse if they hadn't gone through the Teen Challenge program.
 - The spiritual part of Teen Challenge made a difference in their lives.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS

- The following suggestions by graduates for improvements are listed in chronological order by frequency and number of suggestions made:
 - Tougher disciplinary action against students that are noncompliant or violating the rules.
 - Stronger aftercare program.
 - More qualified counselors.
 - Stricter rules regarding the separation of men and women students.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

(May 2008 through April 2009)

Stats provided by Probation Officer Mike Eckert

From May of 2008 through April 2009 (12-month period) North Dakota Teen Challenge has graduated twenty (20) students that were under the supervision of the Department of Corrections. Of these students fourteen (14) are employed. One (1) student is participating in the Teen Challenge Re-entry Program and it is unknown what the status is on two (2) students due to either moving out of the area or no longer needing to be on supervised probation. Only one (1) graduate has an active warrant issued against him and is listed as an absconder.

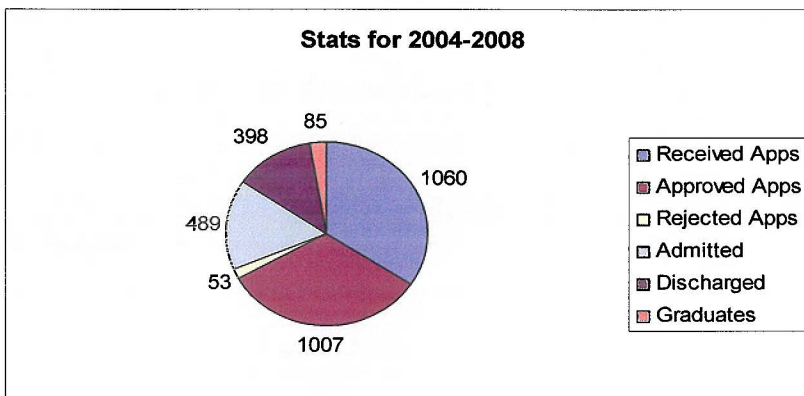
Graduates (DOCR approved)	20
Currently employed	14
Unemployed	2
Re-entry Program (NDTC)	1
Unknown Status	2
Absconder w/active warrant	1

NDTC Statistical Information

2004 -2008

Stats provided by Steve Berg, NDTC Director of Administration

During calendar years beginning with 2004 through 2008 NDTC has received a total of 1,060 applications with 53 being rejected for reasons associated with extreme medical conditions, sex offender status or applicant being sentenced to jail or prison. During this same period 1,007 applications were approved and 489 students were admitted to the 12-month residential program. There were 398 students discharged for reasons primarily associated with committing multiple program violations, sentenced to jail or prison, left on own accord. There were a total of 85 graduates during this same period.



NDTC Statistical Information continued 2009

During calendar year 2009 as of April 30th NDTC has had 87 application received with 10 being rejected for reasons relating to extreme medical conditions. During this same period 77 applications were approved and 19 students were admitted to the 12-month residential program. There have been 12 students discharged for reasons primarily associated with committing multiple program violations or left on own accord. Fifteen (15) students have graduated.

